



## Project Management Institute Educational Foundation

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### *Frequently Asked Questions*

#### **What is the PMI® Educational Foundation?**

PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) is the philanthropic arm of the Project Management Institute (PMI®). They have recently taken the first step in a major expansion of their current programs to achieve the most ambitious social responsibility undertaking in the history of PMI.

Their goal is to build better futures with project management and create sustainable, life skill project management programs which will benefit a global society.

The PMIEF is an autonomous, non-profit, charitable organization; it is dependent on contributions to provide the income necessary to undertake its purposes.

#### **What are PMIEF's Current Program Areas?**

PMIEF's current programs areas are centered on leveraging project management for improving society in three areas:

- **A Better Prepared Project Management Workforce of the Future**  
Expanding educational opportunities for future project management practitioners and professionals in related fields through academic and work-based learning opportunities.
- **A Better Prepared Society for Future Success Through Project Management** - Preparing primary and secondary school students, also with the teachers and administrators, as well as local communities for success in life
- **A Better Prepared Response in Future Times of Need** - Helping relief and development organizations and their front-line personnel use their limited resources more efficiently and effectively by increasing their project management capacity.

#### **What is the PMIEF's relationship with PMI?**

PMIEF is organized as a supporting organization to PMI. PMIEF is a separately incorporated entity and is the charitable organization of PMI. PMIEF was founded in 1990 by PMI.

Gregory Balestrero, the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PMI serves as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of PMI Educational Foundation. The PMI Board of Directors appoints the majority of the PMI Educational Foundation Board of Directors. The remaining four (4) directors are elected by the PMI Educational Foundation Board members. For information on the current PMIEF Board of Directors, please visit [www.pmi.org/pmief/aboutus/board.asp](http://www.pmi.org/pmief/aboutus/board.asp).

## **How does PMIEF raise money to develop and support their programs?**

PMIEF recently announced the initiation of the public phase of a fundraising campaign. The goal is to raise funds to implement programs that will contribute to economic, educational, cultural, and social advancement globally through the use of project management principles and processes. PMIEF envisions that the value of project management demonstrated in the business and professional world can be beneficial to all elements of society.

To date, US\$5 million has been committed to support the initiatives of the PMIEF *Building Better Futures* capital campaign. The goal of this current campaign is to raise an additional US\$5 million to expand PMIEF initiatives.

If you would like to make a donation to PMIEF, please visit [PMIEF.org](http://PMIEF.org).

## **Why did PMI choose to make a multi-million dollar commitment to the PMIEF?**

Within the PMI Strategic Plan, there is direction for the organization to support individuals and groups to do social good. To enable PMI to remain focused on its members and their profession of project management, PMI chose to fund PMIEF to focus on the use of project management in other elements of society.

## **Why would a PMI Component choose to fund a program or scholarship through the PMIEF?**

The PMIEF provides global awareness, broadens the reach and can multiply the impact of a scholarship or program. This also allows the component to focus on their member needs and services.

## **How can an individual or organization contribute their time, talent, or knowledge to the PMI Educational Foundation?**

An individual or organization who wishes to volunteer their time, talent, or knowledge to develop a program or contribute to an existing one should contact Diane Fromm, the Administrator of the PMI Educational Foundation. Diane can be reached at:

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## **How can an individual donate to the PMI Educational Foundation?**

Individuals may support the PMI Educational Foundation via seven different methods:

### **When can I contribute?**

Anytime – online at [PMIEF.org](http://PMIEF.org)

When completing PMI membership application

When renewing PMI membership

### **Ways to support**

- One-time donation
- Recurring donation (By making a pledge to the *Building Better Futures* campaign and requesting reminders to be sent)
- Matching gifts – send a form from your employer or provide PMIEF with information that a matching gift is available.

- Donation of stock. Contact Diane Fromm, +1 610 356 4600 ext. 1128
- Planned giving gift. Contact Diane Fromm, +1 610 356 4600, ext. 1128
- Corporate or organizational donation. Contact Diane Fromm, +1 610 356 4600, ext. 1128

### **Donation Methods**

- **Online**, at PMIEF.org and at [PMIEF.org](http://PMIEF.org)
  - By credit card or download the donation form)
- By **phone** to PMI Customer Care +1-610-356-4600, option 8
  - Credit card only
- Via **postal mail** to PMI Educational Foundation | 14 Campus Blvd | Newtown Square, PA 19073-3299 USA
  - By credit card, check, or money order – please do not send cash. Please make check or money order payable to PMI Educational Foundation

### **What is the purpose of the PMI Educational Foundation?**

#### ***Foundation's Vision***

To champion project management knowledge and skills for educational and social good globally.

#### ***Foundation's Mission***

Promote project management principles globally to communities including students, non-profit organizations and society at large by:

- Recognizing and supporting academic excellence in project management through scholarships, awards and educational initiatives.
- Partnering with PMI, PMI components and other organizations to leverage the dissemination of project management programs.
- Partnering with charitable organizations to promote effective use of project management principles.

### **How does the PMI Educational Foundation advance its programs?**

The PMI Educational Foundation advances its programs by

- Providing grants to other organizations through the PMIEF Grant Process
- Conducting cooperative research efforts
- Making beneficial publications available
- Offering scholarships and awards
- Partnering with organizations that have common goals, visions and missions
- Encouraging the creation of programs and products to teach project management life skills and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills
- Encouraging the creation of programs and products that help relief organizations use their limited resources more efficiently by increasing their project management capacity

### **What type of grants requests are encouraged by PMIEF?**

- Activities to promote new perspectives in project management thought, management skills, and processes

- Tools to link partners in massive simultaneous dependent humanitarian, development or educational projects
- Skills for Life Programs to increase effectiveness in joint projects for education and local communities
- Programs that introduce project management and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills to children
- Studies of the theory and application of project management by students
- Programs that support helping relief and development organizations use their limited resources more effectively by increasing their project management skills

### **What is a typical size for a grant?**

Currently due to limited resources and pending further fundraising, grants typically range from US\$1,000 to US\$10,000; however, larger grants may be awarded at the sole discretion of the PMIEF Board of Directors. The amount of these special grants will be determined by the PMIEF Board of Directors at scheduled meetings using the following criteria: the scope of the project, the project's anticipated outcomes, the duration of the project, the level of collaborative effort, and the funds available within PMIEF.

### **What grants have been approved in support of the current program areas?**

- **A Better Prepared Society for Future Success**
  - ***Eastern Michigan University Foundation*** in support of their project-based learning program associated with *Project Lead The Way*. PLTW's curriculum makes math and science relevant for students. By engaging in hands-on, real-world projects, students understand how the skills they are learning in the classroom can be applied in everyday life. This approach is called activities-based learning, project-based learning, and problem-based learning or APPB-learning.
  - ***The School District of Philadelphia*** in support of their use of projects to teach project management to secondary school students for both
- **A Better Prepared Project Management Workforce of the Future –**
  - **About 30 scholarships totally about US\$80,000 will be granted this year (2008).**
  - **Four James R. Snyder International Student Paper of the Year awards will be granted this year – one in each PMI region (AP, EMEA, LA, NA)**
- **A Better Prepared Response in Future Times of Need**
  - ***LINGOs (Learning for International NGOs)*** in support of PM4NGOs, a project management training program for front-line disaster relief workers.
  - ***University of Maryland*** in support of a research project to determine the feasibility of establishing a global network for project management disaster-related research.

### **How can my organization apply for a grant?**

The PMIEF grant application and guidelines are available on the PMIEF website at <http://www.pmi.org/pmief/scholarship/grants.asp>.

## What products are currently offered by the PMI Educational Foundation? :

- **Academic Scholarships** (about 30 totaling US\$80,000) assist students in obtaining degrees from accredited institutions of higher learning in the field of project management or a related field. The program is open to any student preparing to enter or already attending an accredited degree-granting college or university. Scholarships are available for students at the bachelors, masters or doctoral level.
- **James R. Snyder International Student Paper of the Year Awards**, this research paper award recognizes excellence in student development of original concepts in project management. One winner from each of four regions (North America, Latin America, Europe-Middle East-Africa [EMEA], and Asia-Pacific) will be selected annually. The winning papers will be published in PMI's academic-research quarterly, *Project Management Journal* and presented at a session of the winner's respective regional PMI Global Congress. In addition, each winning author will receive a cash award of US\$500.
- **Donald S. Barrie Award** is presented annually at the PMI Global Congress—North America by the Project Management Institute Educational Foundation in conjunction with the PMI Design-Procurement-Construction Specific Interest Group (DPC SIG). The honor and the monetary stipend will be awarded annually to the author(s) of the paper selected from all the papers presented in the Design-Procurement-Construction Track of the PMI Global Congress—North America.
- **Careers in Project Management** was designed to introduce young adults in secondary schools to project management as a career option.
- **PM Skills for Life** was created as a resource to help civic groups apply the principles of project management to achieve their own project objectives.
- **PMI Project Management Methodology for Post Disaster Reconstruction (PMMPDR)** was developed for those in the disaster recovery field who are providing the kind of leadership and clarity of thought needed to help in the reconstruction effort.

## How do I obtain these products and are there costs involved?

Careers in Project Management, PMI Skills for Life and PMI Project Management Methodology for Post Disaster Reconstruction Products can be downloaded from the PMIEF website at no charge. These products can be ordered from PMIEF and the requesting organization may be charged for the costs of producing the materials.

Scholarship and Awards are conferred through a competitive process. Scholarship and Award application and process information are available on the PMIEF website at <http://www.pmi.org/pmief/scholarship>.

## Are there restrictions regarding the usage of PMIEF products?

Any organization or individual may utilize PMIEF materials as long as they do not charge a fee or profit from the materials. PMIEF may ask that a copyright agreement is signed depending on the usage circumstances.

## What are the goals of the scholarship program?

The scholarship program was established to assist students in obtaining degrees from accredited institutions of higher learning in the field of project management or a related field.

## How many scholarships are offered by the Educational Foundation?

The PMIEF currently administers the following:

- **31 scholarships valued at over US\$87,000**
- **New for 2008** are eight scholarships totaling US\$36,500.
- Of the 31 scholarships, 21 are funded by 18 different PMI components.
- Eight are *permanently* endowed to be awarded in perpetuity

## Who is eligible to apply for a scholarship, and how does one apply?

For information on eligibility and application information, please visit the PMIEF website at <http://www.pmi.org/pmief/scholarship>.

## What Project Management Awards are available from PMIEF?

**The James R. Snyder International Student Paper of the Year Award** was established to encourage the study of the theory and application of project management by students. These awards provide an excellent opportunity for students to present their work and give exposure to project management practitioners. The program has been expanded to provide opportunities for students in each of the PMI Regions.

The PMIEF offers four (4) ISPA Awards:

- Each winner receives a US\$500 stipend, expense-paid trip to Congress and publication of his/her paper.
- The award-winning papers will now be presented at Asia-Pacific, EMEA, and Latin America PMI Global Congresses in addition to North America.

**The Donald S. Barrie Award**, sponsored by the PMI Design-Procurement-Construction Specific Interest Group (DPC-SIG). is given to the paper that advances the *PMBOK® Guide* in the field of design, procurement and/or construction by providing a useful contribution to the engineering and construction industry. The winner receives a US\$500 stipend, an expense-paid trip to PMI Global Congress – North America, and publication of his/her paper.

## What types of organizations does the PMIEF partner with outside of PMI?

The PMIEF partners with organizations whose mission and vision are aligned with and/or similar to our own, and provide resources and expertise to help establish sustainable project management life skill programs.

Examples of these organizations include Learning for International Non-Governmental Organizations (LINGOs) and members of the Project Learning Partnership.

## What is the Project Learning Partnership (PLP)?

The PLP is a group of organizations that are working to bring industry and education together to advocate for educational reform and provide tools for educators, mentors, parents and students. The vision of the group is to become a major catalyst in educational delivery through project-based learning.

## What are the Primary and Secondary School initiative areas of focus?

- School and civic project management guides

- Curriculum, teaching modules, Learning Modules, and student materials to assist primary and secondary school children and teachers in using project management to be more successful in school
- Skill for Life Kits composed of templates, tools, and programs that can be used by students and educators to make the educational experience more valuable
- Mentoring tools that promote project learning and other approaches of learning through projects
- Presentations, career day sessions, classroom projects, templates, tools, and games to introduce project management
- A publication for career counselors on Careers in Project Management

**What are the College and University initiative areas of focus?**

- Programs and Learning Modules to apply project management knowledge, concepts, tools, and skills by students in their studies, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities
- Internship programs
- Visiting professorship programs
- Tools-for-Life Kits to increase student productivity
- Support for project management degree programs
- Activities to promote academia and corporate linkage
- Increase support of students via tuition scholarships
- Expand student/faculty cooperation in project management research

**What are the Humanitarian and Charitable Organizations initiative areas of focus?**

- Learning Modules and programs to apply project management knowledge, concepts, tools, and skills by human services and charitable organizations
- Tools and programs to increase effectiveness of human services and charitable organizations
- Activities to promote agency/community/business partnerships
- Tools and programs that improve organizational project management capabilities
- Templates and models that are contextualized for humanitarian and relief organizations

**What are the Society-at-large initiative areas of focus?**

- Learning Modules and Tools-for-Life Kits for personal project management
- Learning Modules and Tools-for-Life Kits composed of templates, processes, and programs that can be used to empower citizens and volunteer organizations
- Programs to enhance an individual's quality of life and their value to employers, civic groups, and as volunteers
- Learning Modules and Tools-for-Life Kits to guide community project management
- Activities to facilitate communications among stakeholders
- Programs to build community awareness about the benefits and processes of project management

- A website for individuals to learn about project management and/or find tools for using project management concepts in their studies, work, and life

### **What are the long-term goals of the PMI Educational Foundation?**

The long-term goal is to build better futures with project management and create sustainable, life skills project management programs which will benefit a global society and make the PMIEF:

- The premier source of information related to the use of project management concepts, theories, and knowledge by charitable and community-based organizations
- The driving force in the development and implementation of programs to teach project management as a life skill
- A significant partner in the funding of research projects to expand the professional project management horizon
- The premier source of information related to project learning and other approaches for learning through projects
- The most reliable and comprehensive web enabled source of information about grants and scholarships available to individuals pursuing a career in project management
- A leading resource for matching charitable organizations with service providers who use project management tools, techniques, knowledge and concepts based on the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®) Guide to manage and implement projects
- A significant partner in the recognition of individuals and groups for excellence in the project management profession
- The organization of choice for contributions that support the development of project management related initiatives that benefit society-at-large
- A self-supporting organization via charitable contributions from a broad sector of individuals, corporations, and foundations

### **Who should be contacted for more information?**

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